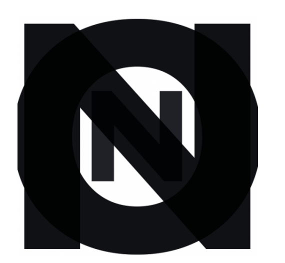






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NIETZSCHE AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE

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Pierre Klossowski: Nietzsche and the Vicious Cirlce

Neither Descartes, nor Spinoza, nor Kant, nor Hegel would have been able to construct their systems if by some
chance, they had renounced a teachable coherence in order to speak of existence from their own lived experience. (Though Descartes came close to doing so and seems to have concealed this intention.) Nietzsche maintains that they have only complied with a secret concern to express the movements of their own moods: 'They claim it is a question of "the truth" – when at bottom it is only a question of themselves. Or rather: their most violent impulse is brought to light with all the impudence and innocence of a fundamental impulse: it

takes itself sovereign and, if possible, the aim of every thing and every event. The philosopher is only a kind of oaccsion. What then did Spinoza or Kant do? Nothing but interpret their dominant impulse. But it was only the communicable part of their behaviour that could be translated into theirconstructions.

What this means is that Nietzsche rejected, purely and simply, the attitude of the philosopher-teacher. He made fun of himself for not being a philosopher – if by that we mean a thinker who thinks and teaches out of a corlcem for the human condition. Nietzsche here acted ruthlessly, disruptively, and wound up achieving, one might say, a 'smashing' succett [if casse la baraque'].

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